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WINGS  
DELPHINIUM GARDEN

Box 3380

PORTLAND, OREGON, U. S. A.

MAY THIS YEAR OF 1931 bring to all of our Delphinium friends prosperity and beauty in their gardens. Again we desire to express our appreciation for the hundreds of spontaneous letters of commendation and praise from Delphinium growers all over the U. S. A., Canada, and also Europe. We are printing excerpts from a few of these letters on another page.

No color has ever given quite the joy that blue has, whether it is sky or ocean, lovely silks and velvets, or flowers. Almost every human being loves blue. The first Delphinium was blue. It has been so highly hybridized that it has passed through many stages until the modern Delphinium of today is infinitely more beautiful than its original, and we now find it in varied shades and combinations of tints. But the demand now is for a more perfect blue Delphinium. The British, our friends across the water, where many of the best originated, tell us that they consider a true blue the most beautiful of all. So we are growing blues in every shade. We have had many inquiries for blue. *In our Special 1931 offer we list a new, startlingly beautiful gentian blue which we can highly recommend.*

Wings Delphiniums are unexcelled both for *cut flowers* and *garden displays*.

While we began with Wrexham Delphiniums exclusively, and still consider them our principal strain, we are constantly on the lookout for new things. At the time we first experimented with Samuel's Wrexhams we tried out seed of Blackmore and Langdon and have retained a number of the finest plants from this seed. Last year we tried out plants from a French firm and have a number of

fine white specimens resulting from this seed. Each year we have continued to purchase seed from plants grown in Watkin Samuel's own garden in Wrexham, Wales. All this in addition to the selection of the seed sown from our own finest plants. Our aim to become to this country what the great European growers are to Europe is gradually becoming realized. We have steadfastly refused to be anything but Delphinium specialists and have never let the commercial spirit overcome our enthusiasm as flower lovers. A great painter, although he may be glad to get a good price for his painting, is always principally animated by love for his art.

## *Wings Delphiniums*

The Delphinium is a very hardy perennial thriving in any climate. It needs deep, rich soil and plenty of water and sunshine. If given these it will reward you without stint; it will bloom twice and in some localities three times each season. It is indescribably beautiful and majestic whether planted en masse or as borders.

To attempt to describe the colors of our Delphiniums is a hopeless task. The colors run the entire gamut of blues from sky and mauve to deepest indigo and purple. The center is often called a bee and many of them resemble a real bee. They give distinction to these lovely flowers and it is a most interesting thing to take careful note of the various types. All of them look as if they were made of a fine quality of fur. Some are white and flat, some are crawling, some are honey yellow. Others are dark brown, bronze or mouse colored, and sometimes you will find brown or light ones feathered with bronze, gold or light green. It is a pleasure to take a magnifying glass into the garden and study these interesting centers.

A fragrant flower has a grace all its own and is particularly dear to the heart of all flower lovers.



A PINK SEEDLING

We have noticed for a number of years that although Delphiniums have not been considered in that class that a number of ours have a delicate and sweet perfume and now we find that at least fifty per cent of those growing in our garden are truly fragrant.

For a number of years several flower lovers of Portland, Oregon, had been importing modern Delphinium seed from England and Wales. Two of these amateur enthusiasts, falling in love with the stateliness and wonderful beauty of the Wrexhams, and knowing how few people even knew of their existence, decided to do what they could in bringing these majestic flowers to the attention and appreciation of the general public, hence the Wings Delphinium Garden. By the selection of the finest plants and the destruction of all others, as well as by continued importation of the finest seed obtainable, we have gradually developed a stock of plants and seed which we sincerely believe to be unexcelled here and abroad, both in form and color.

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We grow Delphiniums exclusively and our garden is small—less than an acre. This makes it possible for us to give close attention to every plant and to prevent pollination from inferior blooms.

Some dealers in gems have large quantities of jewels of all grades of excellence; others have only diamonds of the first water and their entire stock of precious stones can be kept in a very small strong box. The Wings Delphinium Garden has chosen the latter way. Great works of art are not produced by the thousands in factories; neither can the finest flowers be produced by the thousands in large fields like grain.

All flower-minded people feel the charm of a lovely garden, and the garden in which Delphiniums are loved and grown in masses is the most beautiful of all. Gardening is just as much an art as painting, sculpture and poetry are, and there are gardeners who take great joy in painting garden pictures of the most entrancing colors and shades. If you have never tried this, do so, and paint one of blue splen-



dor with these lovely things, for they will bring a radiant atmosphere into your garden and people will come from far and near to gaze in happy appreciation. You will be including in your picture many hummingbirds and butterflies, as well as bees, for they love all Delphinium and help by pollinating to bring about more wonderful combinations of color than you have yet seen.

The mild climate of Western Oregon is especially favorable for developing perfection in these flowers and their hardy character enables them to do well in more severe climates.

## *Culture*

We sow seed in well drained boxes in rich, mellow soil which is thoroughly saturated with water before seed is sown. Sow in very shallow drills not too crowded and cover very thinly, from one-sixteenth to one-eighth of an inch. Press down with a board. Seeds germinate slowly, sometimes a whole month before plants appear. Keep shaded and moist during period of germination. Watering must be carefully done so as not to wash the seed out of the ground. More failures are occasioned by sowing too deep or letting get dry during germination than from any other cause. During winter or early spring, sowing can be done in a greenhouse or warm room, but not too warm, not over 55-60 degrees F., or plants will "damp off".

Raising plants from seed presents no special difficulty, and in each package of seed are a hundred potential promises of beauty; but for success care and patience are necessary. Plant out in the open when size of plants and temperature are suitable.

These perennials will do well in any rich garden soil, well fertilized, cultivated and watered. When plants develop into clumps, these should be two feet apart. We use raw bone meal as a fertilizer.

The arch enemy of the Delphinium is the slug and young seedlings must be vigilantly watched. Scatter coarse sand around your plants in winter and coarse coal ashes on crowns of older clumps. Slugs cannot thrive in either.

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We are members of both American and British Delphinium Societies.





VANITY FAIR (*exact size*)

## *Special*

In order for our baby seedlings which have been so very popular to reach you in good condition, we have learned that it is necessary to send them by express unless their destination is very near at hand. At the price we were charging we were constantly losing money on every shipment, so hereafter we offer baby seedlings two dozen for \$7.50. These seedlings are from our choicest named varieties and you are likely to find even more wonderful ones in those we send out than we even list. No order accepted for less than two dozen. Ready to ship March 15.

We frequently receive letters from customers asking us to label each seedling. As these seedlings are small and we have never seen them bloom it is not possible to grant their request.

## Seed

We offer the following: Mixed seed, over 100 seeds in a package, for \$1.00; named varieties \$1.50, except Copper and Pink, \$2.00 a package; mixed named varieties \$2.00.

*Springtide* — Large semi-double Rosalene Pink. Outer petals Sky Blue banded Rosalene Pink, and inner petals Rosalene Pink. Irregular white bee.

*Joan of Arc* — Very large semi-double. Outer petals Lyons Blue, tipped Hyacinth Violet. Inner petals Hyacinth Violet. Large dark brown furry bee. Striking flower.

*Vision* — Large single Forget-Me-Not Blue. Three petals are marked with pale Hortense Violet. Small guard petals are Hortense Violet curving over bee. Vision is from Watkin Samuel's Queen Mauve.

*Sally Ann* — Large single Mazarine Blue. Petals heavily tinted with Mallow Pink. Small dark bee.

*Robin Hood* — Large semi-double. Outer petals are Phenyl Blue and inner petals are Manganese Violet. White spreading bee.

*Good Morning* — Wonderful single, frosted pale Forget-Me-Not Blue, tinged with Persian Lilac. Small white eye. Large flowers.

*Millicent* — Semi-double Forget-Me-Not Blue, iridescent, faintly tinged with Mallow Pink.

*Vanity Fair* — Large semi-double with outer petals shaded Forget-Me-Not Blue. Inner petals pale Ampere Purple. Brown bee, feathered gold.

*Paul Revere*—Semi-double Hortense Violet. Bronze bee. Large flat flower.

*Feathers*—Perfect single Hortense Violet shaded Smalt Blue. Gold bee with three tiny white feathers. Lovely spike of flowers.

*Blue Zephyr*—Single Ultramarine Blue. Mouse colored bee.

*Pilgrim*—Very large flat semi-double, dark Petunia Violet, unusual bee, half white edged Petunia Violet and half Petunia Violet edged white.

*Mixed Copper*—From deepest Maroon Purple through Pansy and Aster Purple shades.

*Mixed Pink*—From Rosalene Pink through varied shades to almost Shell Pink.

*Clementine*—Large Single Bradley Blue, three petals banded Roods Violet. Good sized white spreading bee, tipped with Roods Violet. Strikingly beautiful flower.

*Priscilla*—Large single Cameo Pink over Wedgewood Blue.

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*All colors described are based on Ridgway's Color Chart.*

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*We will hereafter confine our business solely to the sale of seed and baby seedlings.*

*All orders must be accompanied by cash, check or money order. No C. O. D. orders filled.*

*We do not break seed packets. Any seed sold by us will germinate if properly treated and we cannot be responsible for non-germination due to careless handling. We make no exceptions to these rules. We are not wholesalers; our efforts are directed towards quality rather than quantity; however, on 10 packets of seed or 10 dozen baby seedlings we will give 20% off. On larger orders we might make special arrangement for discount.*

## *Excerpts from Letters*

Morrisville, Vermont.

I raised sixty Delphinium plants from a package of your mixed seed. They are now in blossom and I have never seen anything more gorgeous. They are so lovely I can hardly imagine what your more choice varieties can be. I feel one should tell you how much joy a package of your seed carries.

St. Paul, Minnesota.

The plants started from your seed last year have been most magnificent, causing much comment.

Gurnee, Illinois.

Last year I sent for a dollar package of your Mixed Delphinium seed. Only a few have bloomed this spring but those few were so wonderful, so large, surpassing anything I had in my gardens, that I am anxious to try some more of your seed.

Thornhill, Virginia.

I am simply carried away with your lovely Delphiniums.

Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

We have had a number of magnificent Delphiniums from your 1928 seed and a fine lot of healthy seedlings as yet unbloomed coming from your 1929 seed.

Bridgeville, Pennsylvania.

Young seedlings from seed purchased from you just coming into bloom and there are surely some fine pink shades.

Pleasantville, New York.

Two years ago I ordered from your regular offering two dozen young seedlings. Twenty-three came through with strength enough to grow into sturdy plants. Last year they bloomed and were a joy through the whole summer, as two of them bloomed constantly. I wish I had much more room in my small garden space to give to these flowers, but I am determined to find room for another shipment.



## *Special 1931 Offer*

**F**OR the last few years we have had a special sale of seed of our choicest Mixed Named Varieties at half price, and also of baby seedlings from the same choice seed.

This year our special offer is as follows:

1. Five packages of our finest Mixed Named Varieties for \$5.00. The regular price being \$2.00 a package.
2. Five packages of a new beautiful bright Gentican Blue for \$5.00. Regular price being \$2.00 a package.
3. Four doz. baby seedlings from our finest Mixed Named Varieties for \$10.00. The regular price being \$15.00. From March 15 to June 15.

These offers are good only in the quantities named.

All orders must be prepaid.

No C.O.D. orders accepted.

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## **WINGS DELPHINIUM GARDEN**

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# *Wings Renowned Delphiniums*

Mostly  
*Wrexham strain*

## **Unexcelled Here or Abroad**

Our Delphiniums take first prizes both at garden and cut flower shows.

This year we have the most strikingly beautiful Delphiniums that we have ever offered:

**Wings** (\$2.00 a package) — Semi-double, petals forget-me-not blue, inner petals mallow pink, feathered brown, curving slightly at top over brown bee.

**Colonial Dame** (\$2.00 a package) — Semi-double, shell pink, small white bee.

**Crater Lake Blue** (\$2.00 a package) — Semi-double, ultra-marine ash, white or brown bee.

**White Wings** — Semi-double pure white. This latter is not kept separate, but is included in our

**Mixed Named Varieties** (\$2.00 a package).

**Any combination of above** (4 packages \$5.00).

The seed is unusually early this year and will be ready about July 1.

Our **Baby Seedlings** (\$7.50 for 2 dozen or \$20.00 for 100) will be sent by express. These seedlings are from our finest named varieties.

## *Wings Delphinium Garden*

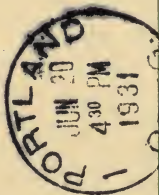
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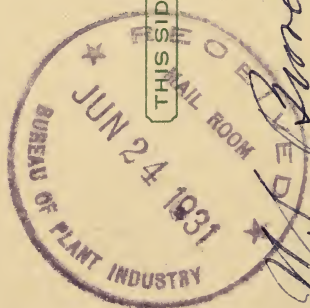
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**We Grow Delphiniums Exclusively**

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THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS



Wm. J. Brown of Plant Industry  
Dept. of Agr.  
Washington  
D. C.

Allegan, Michigan.

Ten gorgeous plants from Wings' two dollar package. Some seed washed away. I am perfectly satisfied with those I have. I would like the world to see them.

Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

I took first prize for vase of Hybrid Delphiniums at the State Federation Garden and Flower Show at the Milwaukee Auditorium June 20-22. The Wauwatosa Garden Club had its first show in September and I received a blue ribbon for Wings' Delphiniums. At the Wisconsin State Fair this same month I received first prize for best vase of Delphiniums and first on six perennials, one of which was your Delphinium. This was on Monday and on Tuesday took first prize for best vase of New Hybrid Delphiniums, so that gives me five blue ribbons this year for Wings' Delphiniums.

Burlington, Ontario, Canada.

Plants from seed previously procured from you are now in full bloom, a very, very fine lot, greatly admired by all.

Hollyburn, B. C., Canada.

Last spring I had a mixed package of seed from you. They are blooming now, the most beautiful Delphiniums I have seen. Please send me another package.

Camberley, Surrey, England.

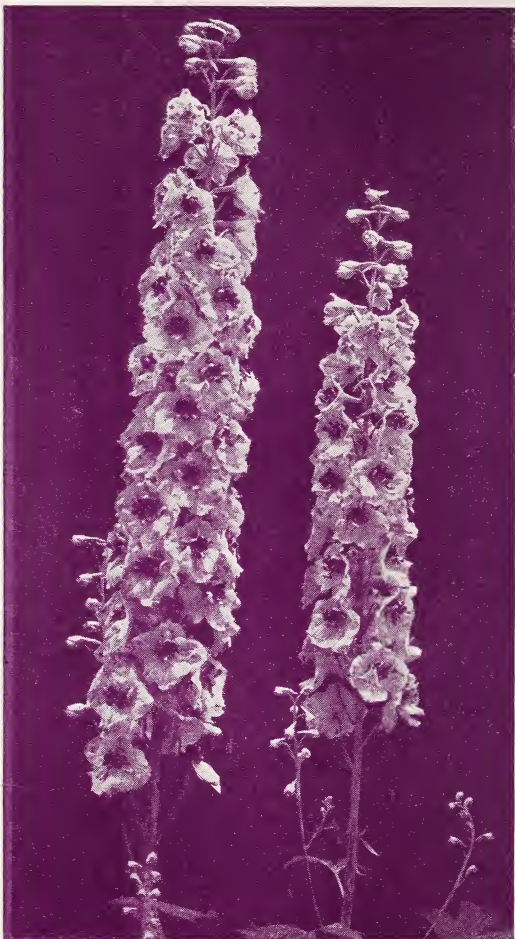
The seed I purchased from you produced some most beautiful Delphiniums. The seed germinated I should think 100% sown in the open ground. Some of them are so fine that I have marked them for exhibition next year in the seedling classes at the British Delphinium Show. I should much like to try your seed again.

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*Copper appears on cover of the folder. It has been reduced one-fourth from actual size.*

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*These are just a few excerpts from the many, many letters expressing praise of our Delphiniums.*



*Vision*

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